## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

MARGARET MCKENZIE,

\*\*Plaintiff,\*\*

\*\*V.\*\*
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

\*\*Defendant.\*\*

\*\*Section No. 5:19-CV-715-XR

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## **ORDER**

On this day the Court considered the status of this case. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) provides that if actions "involve a common question of law or fact," the court may "consolidate the actions" or "issue any other order to avoid unnecessary cost or delay." FED. R. CIV. P. 42(a). The decision to consolidate actions under Rule 42(a) is "entirely within the discretion of the district court as it seeks to promote the administration of justice." *Gentry v. Smith*, 487 F.2d 571, 581 (5th Cir. 1973).

Many cases stemming from the Sutherland Springs shooting of November 5, 2017, have already been consolidated, with 5:18-CV-555-XR being the lead case, because they share common questions of law and fact. This case shares the same common questions of law and fact as the consolidated cases. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that this case, 5:19-CV-715-XR, is consolidated with the lead case, 5:18-CV-555-XR.

It is so ORDERED.

SIGNED this 20th day of June, 2019.

XAVIER RODRIGUEZ UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE